

## ATTACHMENT B Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method for manufacturing a balancing jacket for diving activities ~~characterized by activities, said method comprising the following steps of:~~

a) manufacturing an inflatable chamber ~~(1)~~ by joining two pieces of suitable fabric substantially having a plan C-shape;

manufacturing a back element ~~(2)~~ made of fabric having a substantially U-shape; and

fastening around the U-shaped portion of said back ~~element (2)~~ element, the central portion of said inflatable chamber ~~(1)~~, thus obtaining a tubular back-supporting horseshoe structure ~~(101)~~ provided with two tubular end extensions ~~(3, 103)~~ extending forward substantially as a right angle with respect to said horseshoe structure ~~(101)~~, thus forming two ventral supporting chambers.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method for manufacturing a jacket for diving activities according to claim 1, in which the central portion of said chamber ~~(1)~~ is sewn to the edge of the U-shaped portion of said back element ~~(2)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Balancing~~ A balancing jacket for diving activities ~~in which it comprises comprising an inflatable chamber consisting of comprising a base element substantially having a plan C-shape, the central portion of said base element~~

being shaped as a U by applying a back element made of fabric having a complementary shape with respect to the ~~U-shape~~, U-shape, thus obtaining a horseshoe structure with two end portions extending forward substantially at a right angle starting from said horseshoe structure.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Balancing~~ The balancing jacket for diving activities according to claim 3, in which said tubular chamber is made with air-proof fabric, and constitutes the air chamber of the jacket.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Balancing~~ The balancing jacket for diving activities according to claim 3, in which said tubular chamber contains a ~~second~~ bladder constituting the air chamber of the jacket.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Balancing~~ The balancing jacket for diving activities according to claim 3, in which said back element ~~(2)~~ is made of a net fabric.

taught or suggested by Toth further in view of Lehrer. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

**END REMARKS**